

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Office of Policy and Innovation
DATE: April 19, 2013
SUBJECT: Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services is submitting a request to change the Rhode Island Medicaid State Plan, with an effective date of May 20, 2013 to implement a new price-based per diem reimbursement methodology for nursing homes.

The new payment methodology, which replaces the previous cost-based methodology, will reimburse nursing homes higher rates for people with higher needs. It will also ensure that the care and services paid for by the state are based on the person's needs and not on a facility's cost structure. The availability or accessibility of nursing home services in Rhode Island will not be affected by this change.

This proposed State Plan Amendment is available in hard copy upon request (401-462-1965). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by Sunday, May 19, 2013 to Darren J. McDonald, Office of Policy and Innovation, Executive Office of Health and Human Services FL # 1, Louis Pasteur Building, 57 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920, or to dmcdonald@ohhs.ri.gov.